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SHOTWELL'S DESIGN PUBLISHED

Henry Shotwell and a St. Louis architect entered a design in a contest sponsored by "California Arts and Architecture"; it didn't win the prize, but it so impressed the editor of the paper, who was one of the judges, that he gave it special mention in his issue announcing the awards and then printed the design in his December number.

His "Design For Postwar Living" calls for a high apartment building with three units to a floor, each unit with a separate service yard and outdoor living space. Surely sounds ideal to us. Will REA families have priorities on renting the apartments?

SCHAENZER ELECTED "FELLOW"

Mr. Joseph P. Schaezner has been elected a "Fellow" of the American Society of Agricultural Engineers, after having been active in that Society for many years and used every effort, at times single-handed to get the Society interested in rural electrification.

REA SWEETHEART'S AID USO

Not to be outdone by the REA wives, the sweethearts of REA did their bit to make Christmas more merry for the boys in the Service.

Every year the girls trim a large tree at the USO and collect gifts for soldiers to place on the tree. This year they collected around seventy-five individual gifts and sixty-five dollars in cash from the REA staff which was spent for gifts for the soldiers. Congratulations, girls, on your morale building.

REMEMBER???

Official War Motion Picture, "The Nazi Strike" will be shown Tuesday, January 11 at 4:30 P.M. in the 4th floor Conference Room.

GOODBYE 1943 ----- HELLO 1944

What with Christmas and New Years over and the Holiday excitement subsided for another year, REA'ers have settled down again for the winter.

We've heard many a stout New Year's resolution on the "Whats" and "Whatnots" for 1944 and curiously enough most of them concerned a wagon---what kind we wouldn't know, but I guess with the car situation as it is, it's really back to the horse and buggy---which brings the thought---why doesn't someone have a hay ride?

The bowlers who were so rudely interrupted will go back to their strikes and spares (we hope) this week, and after the lay-off, competition should really be keen. It's been whispered that some of the bowlers practiced in earnest out of league competition so something spectacular should be the result.

While discussing the outlook of life during the next year in bleak and blizzardly St. Louis those who were "agin" it presented us with this little rhyme:

There's a city in this our land of the free,
That's not near an ocean, a lake or a sea.
It's too hot in the summer and in winter
too cold,
An even degree, it can't seem to hold.
And if the temperature should be just right.
Then it up and rains with all of its might.
It needs a Pied Piper to get rid of its
rats,
And the smell of its air almost drives one
bats.

This little poem was promptly given a second verse by those who are "for" it and we also pass it on to you:

But down underneath in the heart of the
city
Is friendship and love, warmth and pity.
To all newcomers it seems to say
You're welcome, we want you, we hope that
you'll stay.
So once and for all, let's forget these
small things,
And praise this fair city from which good
will springs,
For now in a world torn with evil and
strife,
We must count all our blessings and good
things of life,
So, I say to the world, "In this Land of
the Free,
It's here that I'll stay --- It's St. Louis
for me."

You may now decide for yourself just what 1944 holds for you. (Cont'd. on next page)

DID I KNOW THAT

'Twon't have to be celebrated again for another 360 days, more or less, Praise be to Allah! If you lead the right kind of a life and take your vitamins you'll probably be in fine shape to start all over again next December. Charlie "Mac", A-1 elevator operator, (and that also stands for Annex I) wants everyone to know how much he appreciated the New Years thought extended by the REA and REA wants him to know that was our way of showing our appreciation for cheerful service over and beyond the call of duty. The New Year is going to take away more of our fellow employees, some of whom have been with us for a long time. Rae Caplan is going back to Washington and Sammy is not the only one who is going to miss her. Some of the boys who received their Uncle's invitation will be leaving soon but it isn't all gloom, as Mary Emma Gillam is back with us and 'tis rumored that Captain Randy Leon and Henrietta (nee Giebler) will also be amongst us before many moons. M. Bohannon who has been on the sick list for a long time is now back at the old apple stand and L. Pegelow and A. Harnett have had to forego their easy lounge chairs to come back to a desk - it's too bad but we're glad they have sufficiently recovered to carry on. After many trials and tribulations, Carl Pullen, Field Auditor, married one of the best darn bookkeepers west of the Mississippi. Marcella O'Shaughnessy has completed her course at Maryland U. and she and her ration points are now sojourning with the D&C O'Shaughnessys. Member tall, handsome Wanda Myers who used to preside over the destiny of the travel authorizations?...Wanda is now Assistant to the Passenger Traffic Manager of the Southern R.R. and writes that she hopes to pay us a visit on one of her flying trips o'er the country. REUNION IN SICILY: Just like old times Westray Boyce, Jo Blade and "Chick" Yardley were seen lunching together at some unidentified spot in Sicily. Was there anyone who did not hear J. Warner Pyle's lusty baritone on Saturday morn - 'twas not over the radio, you didn't need one. Fred Linquin, just back from Alaska, arrived in the nick of time to get his notification to commence "training" with the Army - whatayou mean, training, after Alaska? Edith Denham, G&T, entertained at tea on Sunday afternoon and all of D&C and many others turned out in their best "bib and tucker" to pay homage. Believe it or not - it was tea. If anyone wants to put anything over on the Internal Accounts Section now is the time to do so, for Inez Bray is in such a tizzy dither about her planned trip to Washington that she will sign anything. 'Course one still has to reckon with "Rajah" Gilmore. The COD boys think we should have a glamour contest - now don't get excited, they were not thinking of entering but having heard of the glamorous pictures floating around, they think they are missing something (and they are) and want a look-see at what it is all about. Rosalie Lerche, pretty Finance femme, came in to say hello but the doctor won't let her return for another month. She said the "doctor", meanwhile toying with the sparkler on her third finger. Former A&Ler Bill Calloway was in these parts last week and having lost some thirty pounds had the gals sittin' up and takin' notice in a big way. Raven-haired Rosie is going back to New York, come February. This time to stay, says Rosie. Mr. Noble, Info Tenor, has a new ballad but lacks a suitable tune. He is so anxious to warble the lyrics that he is offering his own recording to anyone who will submit the music. While we haven't heard it as yet,

they say it is "simply wunnerful". Harold Leary, D&C'er, is the proud daddy of a great big bouncing boy. R. Garcia, who since New Years has been looking like one of the casualties of Guadalcanal, says he ran into a gate - he must have missed the door that everyone else runs into. Lester C. Peterson, Manager of Minn. 81, who was stricken with Pneumonia while taking one of J. Levin's short courses at REA, is on the road to health again and hopes to be able to go home before long.

The REA staff wishes to extend their sincere sympathy to Mr. Neal in the loss of his father.

WHO SAID, "TROUBLES?"

A project Manager who had become a bit desperate from reading the many follow-up letters sent by one of our zealous follow-uppers, replied in part:

***"Our Work Order and Stockroom Clerk has recently died; our Bookkeeper is being drafted into the armed services; our Billing Clerk has left suddenly to join her soldier husband; our Line Foreman is incapacitated with stomach ulcers; and our remaining staff is recovering from the flu."

H I K I N G N O T E S

Sunday, January 9, the REAAA hikers will meet at the Soldiers Memorial, 14th and Pine, at 2:00 P.M., for a "See Your City" hike. Some of the spots which they expect to visit are the Campbell House, Soldiers Memorial, Civil Courts Building, Old Court House and the Old Cathedral. Dinner and a show will follow the hike. Everyone is welcome.

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It seems that this column has resulted in a general clean-up of 1943 and a sneak preview of 1944 so we always get back to the question, "When will the war be over" - that's where it is time to go home, so to you all - HAPPY NEW YEAR - BUY MORE BONDS - THEN TELL US WHEN THE WAR WILL END.

ENJOY THE BENEFITS!

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